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SUBJECT: DEATH OF WINCENTY KRASKO

1. CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY WINCENTY KRASKO DIED
SUDDENLY ON AUGUST 10. AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, HE
WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, SEJM DEPUTY AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE POLISH GROUP OF THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY
UNION, AS WELL AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY FOR COOPERA-
TION WITH POLONIA ABROAD.

2. KRASKO SUFFERED A SERIOUS HEART ATTACK ABOUT A YEAR
AGO AND SUBSEQUENTLY CURTAILED HIS ACTIVITIES. HE
DID NOT MEET WITH CODEL O'NEILL BECAUSE OF HIS HEALTH,
BUT HE DID MEET WITH SENATOR HUGH SCOTT IN 1975 AS
THEN-CHAIRMAN OF THE SEJM FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

3. COMMENT: KRASKO WILL BE MISSED BY THE TOP PZPR
LEADERSHIP, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF HIS SUCCESS IN MAKING
THE POLONIA SOCIETY AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT IN PROMOT-
ING THE IMAGE OF "SOCIALIST POLAND" AMONG ETHNIC
POLES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES. FURTHER, HE HAD A CON-
TINUING INTEREST IN CHURCH-STATE RELATIONS AND MAY
HAVE BEEN A MODERATING FORCE IN RECENT YEARS.

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